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In re application of: :
Gerald B. Eaton et al :
Serial No. 09/877,341 : DECISION ON
Filed: June 08, 2001 : PETITION
For: DRAG REDUCTION AGENT SLURRIES HAVING ALFOL,
ALCOHOLS AND PROCESSES FOR FORMING DRAG REDUCING
AGENT SLURRIES USING ALFOL ALCOHOLS :

This is a response to the REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, filed October 27, 2003. The request asks that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of October 16, 2003, for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter dated January 09, 2003 be withdrawn. The requester asserts that applicants timely filed a proper response on April 03, 2003.

DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee).

A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the applicants did file the proper response to the Office letter of January 09, 2003 in a timely manner. The evidence provided includes: 1) copies of the Response (i.e. an Amendment and a Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with a Form 1449A) with an executed Certificate of Mailing on April 03, 2003; and 2) a copy of the returned stamped postcard confirming receipt of the Response by the USPTO dated April 08, 2003.

Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to



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pending status. The application will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response dated April 03, 2003 and then forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED.**



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